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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of William Freeman et al.) Art Unit Serial No.: 10/688,356) 2873 Filed: October 17, 2003 VARIABLE ELECTROCHROMIC For: OPTICAL ATTENUATOR Confirmation No.: 2295 Customer No.: 022913

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Examiner:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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